

Portsmouth School Committee Minutes

June 28, 2005

Public Session

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kavanagh, at 7:05 PM. The following members were present:

Mr. Terrence Kavanagh, V. Chair

Ms. Sylvia Wedge

Mr. David Croston

Mr. Douglas Wilkey, Clerk

Ms. Karen Gleason

Also Present: Dr. Susan Lusi, Colleen Jermain, Cynthia Brown, Rick Elmasian, Patti Cofield

Absent: Dr. Roy Twaddle, Terri Cortvriend

1. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *

***The Vice-Chairman denied the following Agenda Item Request by Mr. Croston, who wishes to appeal to the Committee: A motion to rescind the vote of Dr. Roy Twaddle as Chairman.**

Much discussion took place. Mr. Croston made a motion to put his original motion to rescind the vote of Dr. Roy Twaddle as Chairman on the July 19th School Committee agenda. Seconded by Ms. Gleason. So voted 4-1. Mr. Kavanagh was opposed.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lusi announced that she will be scheduling meetings with the individual Committee members in the near future.

a) Teaching and Learning: Asst. Supt Jermain reported that the curriculum framework is being set up at the elementary level, and progress is being made to enrich the middle school curriculum. At the high school level, changes are being made so that students may opt out of taking the Microsoft Office course by passing a proficiency test, allowing space in their schedule for other courses. Asst. Supt. Jermain also reported that she attended a middle school reform meeting at the state level concerning preparing the middle school population for high school.

b) Finance and Operations: Mrs. Brown stated that preliminary information received from the Department of Education indicates anticipated savings in the pension rate. She also stated that at the July 19th meeting, she will give preliminary information on the budget at the close of the year.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Croston to approve the minutes of the meetings held June 9, 2005, and June 14, 2005. So voted 5-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Items b, c, n, and q were removed from the agenda.

a) School Nurse-Teacher Resignation, PMS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, “that the School Committee accepts the resignation of Patti Hicks from the position of School Nurse-Teacher at Portsmouth Middle School, effective immediately.”

b) House Leader Resignation, PMS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, “that the School Committee accepts the resignation of Rita Finn from the position of 8th Grade House Leader at Portsmouth Middle School, effective immediately.”

c) Appt. – Science Teacher, Grade 7, Part-time, PMS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, “that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent’s appointment, Recommendation #1-6/28/05, to the position of 7th

Grade Science Teacher, part-time, at Portsmouth Middle School, effective August 29, 2005.”

d) Appt. – Science Teacher, Grade 8, PMS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #2-6/28/05, to the position of 8th Grade Science Teacher at Portsmouth Middle School, effective August 29, 2005.”

e) Appt. – Special Education Resource Teacher, PMS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #3-6/28/05, to the position of Special Education Resource Teacher at Portsmouth Middle School, effective August 29, 2005.”

f) Appt. – Special Education Resource Teacher, PMS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #4-6/28/05, to the position of Special Education Resource Teacher at Portsmouth Middle School, effective August 29, 2005.”

g) Appt. – Speech Pathologist, PMS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment,

Recommendation #5-6/28/05, to the position of Speech Pathologist at Portsmouth Middle School, effective August 29, 2005.”

h) Appt. – Physical Education/Health Teacher, PMS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #6-6/28/05, to the position of Physical Education/Health Teacher at Portsmouth Middle School, effective August 29, 2005.”

i) Appt. – Physical Education/Health Teacher, PMS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #7-6/28/05, to the position of Physical Education/Health Teacher at Portsmouth Middle School, effective August 29, 2005.”

j) Appt. – Physical Education/Health Teacher, 3/5 time, PMS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #8-6/28/05, to the position of Physical Education/Health Teacher, 3/5 time, at Portsmouth Middle School, effective August 29, 2005.”

k) Appt. – School Nurse-Teacher, PMS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School

Committee affirms the Superintendent's ap-ointment, Recommendation #9-6/28/05, to the position of School Nurse-Teacher at Portsmouth Middle School, effective August 29, 2005."

l) Appt. – Math Teacher, PHS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the follow-ing resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #10-6/28/05, to the position of Math Teacher at Portsmouth High School, effective August 29, 2005."

m) Appt. – Math Teacher, PHS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the follow-ing resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #11-6/28/05, to the position of Math Teacher at Portsmouth High School, effective August 29, 2005."

n) Appt. – Math Teacher, PHS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the follow-ing resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #12-6/28/05, to the position of Math Teacher at Portsmouth High School, effective August 29, 2005."

o) Appt. – Modern Language Teacher, PHS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #13-6/28/05, to the position of Modern Language

Teacher at Portsmouth High School, effective August 29, 2005.”

p) Appt. – Modern Language Teacher, PHS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #14-6/28/05, to the position of Modern Language Teacher at Portsmouth High School, effective August 29, 2005.”

q) Appt. – Modern Language Teacher, PHS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #15-6/28/05, to the position of Modern Language Teacher at Portsmouth High School, effective August 29, 2005.”

r) Appt. – Special Education Resource Teacher, Part-time, Hathaway. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #16-6/28/05, to the position of Special Education Resource Teacher, part-time, at Hathaway School, effective August 29, 2005.”

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Croston to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Items b, c, n, and q, as presented. So voted 5-0.

Dr. Lusi announced the following appointments:

- d) Jean-Paul Arsenault, PMS, Grade 8 Science teacher, Step 3**
- e) Lauren DeGray, PMS, Special Education Resource teacher, Step 3**
- f) Bethany Lako, PMS, Special Education Resource teacher, Step 1-2**
- g) Andrea Roberts, PMS, Speech Pathologist, Step 4 - Masters**
- h) Lesly Choinski, PMS, Physical Education/Health teacher, Step 3**
- i) Pamela Storme, PMS, Physical Education/Health teacher, Step 1**
- j) Ryan Moniz, PMS, Physical Education/Health teacher 3/5 time, Step 1**
- k) Erin Welchman, PMS, School Nurse-Teacher, Step 4**
- l) AnnFay O'Neil, PHS, Math teacher, Step 1**
- m) Katie Woronick, PHS, Math teacher, Step 2**
- o) Simone Feaster-Armour, PHS, Modern Language teacher, Step 5 - Masters**
- p) Kristin Crary, PHS, Modern Language teacher, Step 5 - Masters**
- r) Patricia Lynch, Hathaway School, Special Education Resource teacher, Step 5**

5. BUSINESS AGENDA

- a) Discussion/Action – 2005-06 School Department Budget. A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mr. Wilkey to ratify the 2005-06 School Department budget in the amount of \$29, 190,175. So voted 5-0.**

b) Update on AED Program. Asst. Supt. Jermain gave a brief update on the proposed AED Policy and Procedures at Portsmouth High School. She stated that the School Department is in the process of looking at purchasing AEDs for all of our schools.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Finance. Mrs. Wedge stated that the Town Council approved the budget, and she has nothing further to report.

b) Buildings and Grounds.

1) Discussion/Approval – Final RFP for Contractor’s Bid. A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Ms. Wedge to approve the final RFP for the Contractor’s Bid, as amended at the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee Meeting of June 28, 2005, subject to the final review by legal counsel. So voted 4-1. Ms. Gleason was opposed.

2) Discussion/Action – Admin. Building Office Reconfiguration. A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Ms. Wedge to approve the office recon-figuration as presented. After much discussion, Mr. Croston withdrew his original motion and made a motion to approve the office reconfiguration, subject to the approval of the appropriate authorities. Seconded by Ms. Wedge. So voted 4-1. Ms. Gleason was opposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Ms. Wedge to adjourn the meeting. So voted 5-0. Public Session adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cofield

Recording Secretary for

Douglas Wilkey, Clerk